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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| TN                | AA | 5,742,361       | 04/21/98 | Nakase et al. | 348   | 845      | —                          |
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|    |    |                 |          |         |       |          | YES         | NO |
| TN | AL | EP0784401       | 07/16/97 | Europe  | —     | —        | ✓           |    |
| TN | AM | EP089393        | 01/27/99 | Europe  | —     | —        | ✓           |    |
| TN | AN | EP0905983       | 03/31/99 | Europe  | —     | —        | ✓           |    |
| TN | AO | WO96/37983      | 11/28/96 | PCT     | —     | —        | ✓           |    |
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## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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